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DATA**From:** Joel R. Meyer**Art Unit:** 2134**Pages:** 5**Docket No:** 60177**✓✓ Urgent** For Review Please Reply**FACSIMILE COVER LETTER**

Attached is a Provisional Election and Reply to Office Action of August 26, 2003 for the above referenced matter.

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Enclosed in the above-referenced matter is a Statement of the Substance of the July 22, 2003 interview.

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE JULY 22, 2003 INTERVIEW

As indicated in the Office's Interview Summary, the Examiner and Applicant's representatives discussed groupings of claims and a possible restriction requirement. The Examiner indicated that he was going to review the claims further and determine whether a restriction requirement is appropriate.

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